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Economic Development Division of Corporations,
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Big Game Commercial Services Board



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Big Game Commercial Services Board

NAME	APPOINTED	REAPPOINTED	EXPIRES
Bloomquist, Aaron (Copper Center) Licensed Registered Guides-Outfitters	03/01/2021		03/01/2025
Boniek, Martin (Glennallen) Licensed Transporters	03/01/2021		03/01/2025
Buist, Peter (Fairbanks) Public	05/21/2019	03/01/2021	03/01/2025
Bunch, Jason (Kodiak) Licensed Registered Guides-Outfitters	03/02/2018	03/01/2019	03/01/2023
Burnett, Jerry (Juneau) Designated Game Board Member/Restricted	01/21/2021		03/01/2024
Cyrus, Ely (Kiana) Private Landholders/Restricted	02/17/2021		03/01/2024
Flores, Michael (Soldotna) Licensed Transporters	05/11/2020		03/01/2023
Nordlum, Clay (Kotzebue) Private Landholders/Restricted	06/25/2021		03/01/2022
Trombley, Adam (Anchorage) Public	02/02/2017	03/01/2018	03/01/2022

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July 23, 2021

12:35 pm - Review/approve agenda



Big Game Commercial Services Board meeting - Teleconference

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
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Originating 333 Willoughby Ave., Juneau, AK 99801

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Agenda

- 1. 12:30 pm Roll call/Call to order**
- 2. 12:35 pm Review/approve agenda**
- 3. 12:40 pm Review/approve March 2021 meeting minutes**
- 4. 12:45 pm Oral Testimony - Proposed Regulation amendments**
- 5. 2:00 pm Board Business**
- 6. 2:45 pm BREAK**
- 7. 3:00 pm Investigations**
 - A. Probation Report**
 - B. Executive Session - Investigations**
- 8. 3:45 pm Office of Administrative Hearings**
 - A. Executive Session**
- 9. 4:30 pm Summary/Motions Executive Session**
- 10. 5:00 pm Adjourn (early or late as needed)**

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July 23, 2021

12:40 pm - Review/approve March 2021 meeting minutes

1 State of Alaska
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
6 Minutes of the meeting March 23-25, 2021
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8 *These are DRAFT minutes prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and*
9 *Professional Licensing. These minutes have not been approved by the Board.*

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11 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of
12 AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board originated
13 from Anchorage at 550 W. 7th Ave, March 23-25, 2021; this meeting was held via Zoom.
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15 Tuesday, March 23, 2021
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17 **The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:04 am**
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19 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**

20 Jason Bunch - Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair

21 Jerry Burnett - Board of Game Representative

22 Martin Boniek - Licensed Transporter

23 Pete Buist - Public Member

24 Aaron Bloomquist - Registered Guide Outfitter

25 Adam Trombley – Public Member

26 Mike Flores – Licensed Transporter

27 Ely Cyrus – Private Landowner
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29 **Staff Members present:**

30 Renee Hoffard – Executive Administrator

31 Thomas Bay – Licensing Examiner

32 Lee Strout – Investigator

33 Jared Famularo – Investigator, Probation monitor

34 Melissa Dumas – Administrative Officer
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36 **Members of the Public Present over the 3-day meeting included:**

37 Mark Richards - Executive Director, Resident Hunters of Alaska

38 Sam Rohr – President, Alaska Professional Hunters Association

39 Thor Stacey – Alaska Professional Hunters Association

40 Dick Rohr

41 Joe Klutsch

42 Kurt Whitehead

43 George Siavelis

44 Mike Zweng

45 Alisha Decker

46 Zach Decker

47 Cabot Pitts
48 Gary "Butch" King
49 Mark Rownhorst
50 Chris Zwolinski
51 Wayne Kubat
52 Paul Chervenak
53 Jerry Cates
54 Dan Montgomery
55 Al Barrette
56 Pete Barela
57 Jeremy Ruesink
58 Mark Bell
59 Dave Morris
60 Tony Lee
61 Loren Karro
62 Pete Mueller
63 James Smith
64 Anna Deal
65 Jim Jansen
66 Henry Tiffany
67 Johnny Richardson
68 Chad Reel

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70 Chair Bunch welcomed new board members:
71 Aaron Bloomquist, Registered Guide-Outfitter GUIR1259
72 Martin Boniek, License Transporter GUIT862
73 Ely Cyrus, Private Landholders/Restricted
74 Jerry Burnett, Designated Board of Game Representative/Restricted

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76 **Agenda Item - Review Agenda:**

77 The board reviewed the agenda that was approved by Board Chair Jason Bunch.

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79 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Mike Flores with unanimous**
80 **consent, it was resolved to adopt the daily agenda as written.**

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82 **Agenda Item - Ethics Disclosures:**

83 The board members had no ethics disclosures.

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85 **Agenda Item - Review Meeting Minutes:**

86 The board reviewed draft meeting minutes for the November 30 – December 2, 2020 meeting
87 held by the board which was held via Zoom in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Hoffard
88 informed the board that there was 1 correction to be noted in the draft before them; the draft
89 references the "Castle" case which should be the "Cassell" case.

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91 **In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley, seconded by Ely Cyrus with unanimous consent,**
92 **it was resolved to approve the November 30 -December 2, 2020 meeting minutes as**
93 **amended.**

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95 **Agenda Item - Annual Report:**

96 The board discussed the annual report as required yearly. The report reflects the work
97 completed by the board over the past year as well as setting goals and objectives for the
98 coming fiscal year. Any potential expenditures should also be noted in the annual report such
99 as travel. Chair Bunch proposed adding an expenditure of up to \$6000 per fiscal year for travel
100 for the investigator, Lee Strout, to complete in the field travel with applicable state agencies
101 such as the Alaska Wildlife Troopers. Investigator Strout is to report on the field travel during
102 the board's annual meeting held in November/December. The board also anticipates holding
103 face-to-face meeting in fiscal year 2022; the winter meeting in Anchorage and spring meeting
104 to be held in Fairbanks.

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106 Chair Bunch will draft the narrative statement. Mr. Bloomquist and Chair Bunch will draft goals
107 and objectives based on the guides; Mr. Flores and Mr. Boniek will draft goals and objectives
108 based on transporters. The drafts will be combined by Ms. Hoffard and submitted to the board
109 via OnBoard for voting prior to the division deadline.

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111 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Pete Buist with unanimous**
112 **consent, it was resolved to adopt the budget proposals as outlined for the Fiscal Year 2022**
113 **annual report. Investigative Travel; 2 trips not to exceed \$6,000 per fiscal year. Winter**
114 **meeting, Anchorage. Spring meeting, Fairbanks.**

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116 *Break at 9:46 am*

117 *Return at 10:17 am*

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119 **Agenda Item - Public Comment:**

120 Michelle Heun, License Transporter GUIT1063. Welcomed new board members. She would
121 like the board to recommend reducing the annual filing fee to \$150 or \$200. Has a regulations
122 proposal before the board for discussion 3/24/2021.

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124 Dick Rohr, Master Guide GUIM69. Welcomed new board members and spoke to program
125 finances. He believes there is an error in the fee analysis for the annual filing fee and projected
126 revenue will actually be a great deal lower than estimated. He recommends the division take a
127 closer look and not reduce the fee at this time.

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129 Sam Rohr, Master Guide GUIM204. President, Alaska Professional Hunters Association.
130 Welcomed new board members and thanked the board for ongoing support.

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132 Kurt Whitehead, Master Guide GUIM211. Has concerns that there may be enforcement issues
133 with Ms. Heun's proposal to amend 12 AAC 75.450(b)(13).

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135 Chair Bunch closed public comment.

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137 *Break at 10:46 am*
138 *Return at 10:55 am*

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140 **Agenda Item - Division Update/Fiscal Report:**

141 Administrative officer Melissa Dumas joined the meeting to provide the division update and
142 review the fee analysis in advance of upcoming renewal. Mrs. Dumas reviewed the Fiscal Year
143 2021 2nd quarter fiscal report. The program has received \$175,685 in revenue for FY2021.
144 Investigations expenditures so far for this year were \$73, 244 and non-investigative
145 expenditures were \$65,434 for a total of \$211,193 in expenditures. Therefore, the program
146 ended the quarter with a surplus of \$334, 726. Fiscal year 2021 is a non-renewal year and the
147 surplus will be used to cover the expenditures of the program through the renewals in Fiscal
148 year 2022.

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150 Mrs. Dumas reviewed the fee analysis with the board and Mr. Rohr's previous comment
151 regarding the annual filing fee was brought to her attention. The board discussed the various
152 fees associated with the program. Staff had suggested that the fee for the game management
153 unit exams be reduced to be more reflective of the time and effort administering the exam
154 takes. The board expressed concerns of the division reducing fees too soon when they may not
155 have a clear picture of what expenses may be. At this time the two licensing staff members
156 they have are not fully charging time to the Big Game Commercial Services program and there
157 are a variety of factors that will impact the current budget of the program.

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159 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Pete Buist with unanimous**
160 **consent, it was resolved to recommend to the division and Director Chambers that the only**
161 **fee adjustment for the Big Game Commercial Services Board be a reduction in the fee for the**
162 **Game Management Unit examination/reexamination fee. The suggested reduction is 50 %,**
163 **making the proposed fee \$200 per examination.**

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165 The board thanked Mrs. Dumas for joining them to discuss the fiscal report and fee analysis.

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167 ***Break for lunch at 11:46 am; return to record at 1:30 pm***

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169 **Agenda Item - Public Comment:**

170 Kurt Whitehead, Master Guide GUIM211. Opposed to L. Kronberger's proposal to amend 12
171 AAC 75.240, doesn't feel the requirements should be reduced. Supports more education and
172 more discipline.

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174 Aaron Frenzel, Captain Alaska Wildlife Troopers. Spoke to Ms. Heun's proposal to amend 12
175 AAC 75.450(b)(13). Persons are exempt from licensing if providing accommodations at a
176 permanent structure on property they own; however, accommodations has never been defined
177 and the board may want to consider what accommodations is. Issues may occur when items
178 provided at the permanent structure are then taken into the field crossing the lines from what
179 is allowed for transporters into what is allowed for guides. There may also be variances for
180 marine transporters.

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182 Mark Richards, Executive Director - Resident Hunters of Alaska. Wanted to make a brief
183 comment in regard to the issue of game processing equipment. Following Nov/Dec meeting
184 contacted several transporters and let the know of the discussion regarding legality of vacuum
185 sealers; recommended they remove them from their websites and stop offering that service.
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187 Wayne Kubat, Master Guide GUIM147. Believes Mr. Kronberger's proposal is already allowed
188 under current statutes and regulations Class-A assistant guides.
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190 Chair Bunch closed public comment.
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192 **Agenda Item - Investigations Unit:**

193 Probation Monitor Jared Famularo provided the probation report. At the time of the report
194 there were 23 licenses holders on probation, 20 of which were in compliance. Since November
195 12, 2020, 4 license holders were released from probation. Mr. Famularo explained some of the
196 measures taken to reach the individuals not in compliance with their probation; board members
197 asked if the division would accept 3rd party request for contacts as some in attendance at the
198 meeting may be able to contact those individuals. Mr. Famularo stated that at this time the
199 division would certainly be interested in pursuing any viable method of establishing contact.
200

201 Investigator Strout provided his investigative report for the time period of November 25, 2020
202 through March 11, 2021. The report reflected 38 open cases and 18 closed cases.
203

204 Chair Bunch announced that the board will be entering executive session to discuss
205 investigative issues and the board will not return to the record for board business for the
206 remainder of the day. The meeting will call to order again at 9:00 am, March 24, 2021.
207

208 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Mick Flores move to go**
209 **into executive session for the purpose of discussing subjects that tend to prejudice the**
210 **reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.**
211 **Board staff to remain for the session. Ely Cyrus seconded the motion. Motion passed via**
212 **unanimous consent.**
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214 **Off record at 2:18 pm**

215 **Return to record 5:09 pm**
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217 ***For the record:*** Aaron Bloomquist was excused from executive session by Chair Bunch at 4:49
218 pm before board discussion of case numbers 2020-000906 and 2020-000899.
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220 Chair Bunch called recess until 9:00 am March 24.
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222 Off record at 5:11 pm.
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224 **Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

225 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:03 am
226

227 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**

- 228 Jason Bunch - Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair
- 229 Jerry Burnett - Board of Game Representative
- 230 Martin Boniek - Licensed Transporter
- 231 Pete Buist - Public Member
- 232 Aaron Bloomquist - Registered Guide Outfitter
- 233 Mike Flores – Licensed Transporter
- 234 Ely Cyrus – Private Landowner

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236 **Board Members Absent:**

237 Adam Trombley – Public Member; EXCUSED

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239 **Staff Members present:**

240 Renee Hoffard – Executive Administrator

241 Thomas Bay – Licensing Examiner

242 Lee Strout – Investigator

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245 **Agenda Item - Summary/Motions 3/23/2021 Executive Session:**

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247 **On a motion duly made by Pete Buist, seconded by Ely Cyrus, via roll call vote, it was**
 248 **RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2019-000531; providing 17**
 249 **hunts without valid guide use area registrations. Motion passed;**

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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252 **On a motion duly made by Pete Buist, seconded by Mike Flores, via roll call vote, it was**
 253 **RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2020-001124; providing 5 hunts**
 254 **without valid guide use area registrations. Motion passed;**

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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On a motion duly made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2020-001114; as part of a Rule 11 plea respondent was convicted of bear baiting with sport caught fish. Motion passed;

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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On a motion duly made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2020-000495; providing 2 hunts without valid guide use area registrations. Motion passed;

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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On a motion duly made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2021-000046; 2 counts of violating hunting season and bag limits for goats, Unit 12. Motion passed;

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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273 On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call
 274 vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2021-000034;
 275 providing 1 hunt without valid guide use area registrations. Motion passed;
 276

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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 278 On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call vote, it
 279 was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2020-001131; harvest of sub-legal
 280 moose. Motion passed;
 281

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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 283 On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call
 284 vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2019-001052; Non-
 285 resident youth harvest in a restricted resident only youth hunt. Motion passed;
 286

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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290 On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Mike Flores, via roll call vote, it
 291 was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2021-000172; as part of a
 292 Rule 11 plea respondent was convicted of transporting/possessing illegally taken game.
 293 Motion passed;
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist	X			
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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 296 On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Ely Cyrus, via roll call vote, it was
 297 RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2020-000899; multiple
 298 paperwork violations for guide use areas and hunt records. Motion passed;
 299

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist			X	
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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 301 On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Aaron Bloomquist, via roll call
 302 vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2019-000946;
 303 violation of supervision regulation. Motion passed 6 to 1;
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist		X		
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

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 306 Ms. Hoffard asked the board to hold on any more motions at this time; it is 9:30 and scheduled
 307 time for public comment.

308 **Agenda Item - Public Comment:**

309 Aaron Frenzel, Captain Alaska Wildlife Troopers – declined to comment at this time.

310

311 Lance Kronberger, Master Guide GUIM221. Spoke in support of his proposal to amend 12 AAC
312 75.240, supervision in efforts to clean up the program regulations. Volunteered to serve on a
313 sub-committee if the board decides to form one to look at this issue.

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315 Albert Williams – was not on the line

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317 Kurt Whitehead – was not on the line

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319 Mark Richards, Executive Director - Resident Hunters of Alaska. Had previously requested
320 transporters to be removed from the requirements of the proposed professional development
321 requirement and would like the transporter sub-committee to take that topic up to further
322 discuss the issue. Supports Ms. Heun's proposal to amend 12 AAC 75.450(b)(13).

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324 Rich Young, Private property owner in support of Mr. Danfords proposal for a regulation for
325 buffer areas. Stated he has regular conflicts in the fields with local guides and would like to see
326 the board take action to address this issue.

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328 Henry Tiffany, Master Guide GUIM144. Not in support of Mr. Petersons proposal to amend 12
329 AAC 75.460. Appreciates Mr. Danfords position but reminded the board they had been advised
330 by Department of Law that they do not have the authority to establish buffer areas. Supports
331 Ms. Heun's proposal to amend 12 AAC 75.450(b)(13). Feels that Mr. Kronberger's proposal to
332 amend 12 AAC 75.240 has merit but recommends the board move it to a sub-committee for
333 additional review. Fully supports the proposed professional development regulations.

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335 Dan Montgomery, Master Guide GUIM173. Could support Mr. Peterson's proposal to amend
336 12 AAC 75.460; that would be a lot of field experience but would recommend changing it to add
337 at least one guided hunt to the draft language. Does not support Mr. Danford's proposal; feels
338 that 5 square miles is too large of a buffer area. Disagrees with Mr. Kronberger's proposal as
339 currently written.

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341 Zach Decker, Registered Guide GUIR1263. Supports Mr. Peterson's proposal but it needs to be
342 modified to include a guided hunt. Feels that Ms. Heun's proposal covers a grey area in
343 regulations. Asked the board to look at how buffer areas would affect guides in Southeast
344 Alaska before considering Mr. Danford's proposal; 5 square mile buffer areas could potentially
345 eliminate numerous guiding opportunities in the region. Supports the exam portion of the
346 proposed professional development regulations but has some issues with the portions for
347 Master Guides.

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349 Chair Bunch closed public comment.

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351 **On a motion duly made by made by Pete Buist, seconded by Mike Flores, via roll call vote, it**
352 **was RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for case number 2020-000906; multiple hunt**

353 record violations, contract violations, and two (2) actionable guide use area violations.
 354 Motion passed;
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Aaron Bloomquist			X	
Jerry Burnett	X			
Martin Boniek	X			
Peter Buist	X			
Ely Cyrus	X			
Adam Trombley				X
Mike Flores	X			
Jason Bunch, Chair	X			

356
 357 Break at 10:19 am
 358 Return at 10:30 am
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360 **Agenda Item – Regulations Proposal(s), New proposals:**

361 The board discussed each of the five proposals before them and considered the comments
 362 submitted by the public so far throughout the meeting. Before discussion began, Chair Bunch
 363 reminded the board members that no action would be taken on any of the proposals
 364 3/24/2021; there is an agenda items scheduled for 3/25/2021 for that. The intent is to allow
 365 for the board to hear any and all oral comments prior to making any decisions to take action on
 366 the proposals.

- 367
 368 A. N. Peterson; Amend 12 AAC 75.460 to add the requirement of having personally
 369 harvested a minimum of three (3) for that species.

370 Mr. Bloomquist and Mr. Buist brought up points regarding the validity of having the species-
 371 specific requirement at all and then focused the discussion on caribou being included in the five
 372 species that have additional requirements for registered guides.

- 373
 374 B. F. Danford; AS 08.54.720 addition of a 5-square mile buffer area/boundary around
 375 permanent year around lodgers in Guide Use Area 13-02.

376 Chair Bunch reminded the board that per advice from the Department of Law the board does
 377 not have the authority to establish regulations regarding property. The board’s authority lies
 378 with enforcing the ethical practices of the guides and transporters licensed by the program.

- 379
 380 C. M. Heun; Amend 12 AAC 75.450(b)(10) and (13). (b)(10) is correction of a typo “filed”
 381 should be “field”; (b)(13) removes “game processing”

382 Ms. Hoffard informed the board that the proposed amendment for (b)(10) is not needed; the
 383 typo is only found in the on-line version of the regulations; division staff will make the
 384 necessary correction. The board as a whole supports the intent of the amendment for (b)(13)
 385 as it helps prevent potential waste of the animals harvested.

- 386
 387 D. L. Kronberger; Amend 12 AAC 75.240 to allow a Master Guide to supervise a non-
 388 contracting registered guide certified in the game management unit to conduct/guide a
 389 hunt from anywhere in the state of Alaska as long as the contracting Master Guide is as

390 follows: in the field conducting hunts in another of his GUA's and is having daily
391 communication with the non-contracting registered guide who is conducting/quiding the
392 hunt. The non-contracting registered guide must be accompanying and personally
393 guiding the client.

394 The board recognizes inconsistency between statutes and regulations regarding supervision and
395 after brief discussion decided this proposal would best be handled in a sub-committee for
396 further scrutiny. The sub-committee will draft additional language and consult with the
397 Department of Law through Ms. Hoffard with results to be provided at the Nov-Dec 2021 board
398 meeting.

399
400 E. Professional Development Sub-Committee; provide a new section of regulation providing
401 for professional development of licensee holders of the program. This amendment was
402 drafted in sub-committee meeting held January-February 2021.

403 The board held a brief discussion regarding the proposal; they support the draft proposed by
404 the sub-committee and are interested in what the public has to say about the proposed
405 language moving forward.

406
407 **Break for lunch at 11:28 am; return to record at 1:32 pm**

408
409 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Mike Flores with unanimous**
410 **consent, it was resolved to amend the draft agenda for March 25, 2021; moving "Regulations**
411 **Proposals" to 10:15 am in consideration of board member schedules. Sub-committee**
412 **meetings will be moved to 3:00 pm.**

413
414 **Agenda Item - Public Comment:**

415 Michelle Heun, License Transporter GUIT1063. Recommended the board seek to amend AS
416 08.54.591, membership of the board. Historically it has been difficult to fill both private
417 landholder seats, she recommends the board seek to have that seat changed to either a
418 licensed Assistant Guide or licensed Class-A Assistant Guide. Assistant and Class-A Assistant
419 Guides hold the majority of the licenses for the program and should be represented on the
420 board in her opinion.

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422 Ben Gilles, Registered Guide GUIR1293. Supports Mr. Kronberger's proposal to amend
423 supervision regulation; also supports the professional development proposal. Was surprised
424 when reviewing the list of violations and hopes education leads to reduction in fee in the
425 future.

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427 Zach Decker, Registered Guide GUIR1263. Supports Mr. Peterson's proposal; suggests the
428 board consider eliminating the random animal selection portion of the practical examination
429 and upgrade the testing program. Had questions regarding Ms. Heun's proposal – how would
430 this differ from fishing regulations regarding mutilating the animal beyond recognition.

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432 Kurt Whitehead, Master Guide GUIM211. Not in support of any proposal to loosen the guide
433 requirements for the industry.

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435 Chris Zwolinski, Master Guide GUIM145. Does not agree with removing the species-specific
436 requirements from regulation.

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438 Dick Rohr, Master Guide GUIM69. Species-specific regulation was adopted in 2006 and was
439 intended to raise the professionalism of the industry; feels it should be left in place. Cautioned
440 the board to carefully consider any changes that would require statute changes as that often
441 leads to unintended consequences.

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443 Lance Kronberger, Master Guide GUIM221. His proposal to amend supervision regulation is not
444 intended for a statute change but feels the species-specific regulation is invalid and could go
445 with supervision. Feels there is some merit for master guides to have special opportunities.

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447 George Siavelis, Master Guide GUIM150. Supports the proposal for professional development
448 and feels it should apply to transporters. Ongoing education could reduce the number of
449 investigations and ensure everyone knows what is and is not allowed. Sympathizes with Mr.
450 Danford but feels it isn't realistic to have the 5-mile buffer area based on mining operations and
451 other permanent structures. Thinks it is a good idea for transporters to be allowed processing
452 equipment on their boats, private lodges and homes so the clients don't have to bring things
453 with them to Alaska.

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455 Al Barrette, Class-A Assistant Guide GUIC765. Is a Board of Game member but is not
456 representing the Board of Game at this meeting. Fully supports Ms. Heun's proposal, salvage of
457 meat is the highest priority. If the proposal doesn't move forward he feels the board should
458 define what "game processing equipment" is – plastic bags, gloves, aprons, etc. Unless Mr.
459 Peterson's proposal receives unanimous support is not in favor; not sure all personally
460 harvested animals grant experience needed for guiding hunts. Not sure if the online exams
461 found on the Fish and Game website will actually provide education being sought with
462 professional development proposal but would support if the meeting attendance requirement
463 could be met via Zoom or teleconference.

464
465 Ms. Hoffard stated for the record that at a minimum a teleconference line is available at all
466 board meetings so that members of the public in rural communities can call in to listen to the
467 meetings; it is the intention of the division to continue that moving forward.

468
469 Aaron Frenzel, Captain Alaska Wildlife Troopers answered some clarifying question board
470 members had regarding game processing and Ms. Heun's proposal to amend 12 AAC
471 75.450(b)(13).

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473 Mark Richards, Executive Director - Resident Hunters of Alaska. Supports Mr. Danford's
474 proposal as he considers it to be an ethical issue not a property issue. Fully supports Mr.
475 Heun's proposal and the intent behind it. Supports professional development but does not
476 think it should apply to air taxi transporters based on the continuing education already required
477 to maintain their pilots license.

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479 Anna Deal; private citizen. Family owns and lives in remote cabin in the western Alaskan range.
480 Called in to voice support for Mr. Danford's proposal for 5-mile buffer area. Conflicts between

481 her family and local guides have increased in the past few years and are becoming increasingly
482 tense. Numerous negative encounters with guides competing for the same animals inside their
483 own camp. Encounters have ranged from heated verbal altercations to guides driving ATV's
484 through the camp right next to tents; flying low and circling when on stock with youths; setting
485 up many non-permanent structures and then leaving tarps, out-house buckets and garbage
486 when leaving. Overall, poor stewardship of the land in general.

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488 The board strongly encouraged Ms. Deal to contact Investigator Strout and file complaints,
489 Captain Frenzel also encouraged Ms. Deal to contact her local Wildlife Trooper. Ms. Deal asked
490 for Inv. Strout's contact information and Ms. Hoffard stated she had emailed that to her.

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492 Chair Bunch closed public comment.

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494 *Break at 2:46 pm*
495 *Return at 3:02 pm*

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497 **Agenda Item – Education Session; Dick Rohr:**
498 Dick Rohr, Master Guide GUIM69 and Chair Bunch presented an education session regarding
499 guide business administration. The session covered a variety of topics that are supported by
500 statutes and regulations. They reviewed a checklist of items to be checked yearly for business
501 preparation and a list of licensing program specific items that guides should routinely check the
502 status of to ensure compliance. They reviewed definitions in statute that guides need to know
503 before providing services and spoke to various things that should be noted in contracts. A
504 sample hunt record was reviewed and sections that are frequently left incomplete were
505 pointed out. The UVC process was explained as well. Mr. Rohr recommended guides make a
506 list of paperwork needed in the field and a list of paperwork to be completed after the hunt.
507 A list of public meetings that may affect guide business was provided as well as a list of helpful
508 tips. All information was provided on a power-point presentation which will be posted to the
509 program website.

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511 Chair Bunch called recess until 10:00 am March 25.

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513 Off record at 4:02 pm

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515 **Thursday, March 25, 2021**

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517 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 10:02 am

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519 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**
520 Jason Bunch - Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair
521 Jerry Burnett - Board of Game Representative
522 Martin Boniek - Licensed Transporter
523 Pete Buist - Public Member
524 Aaron Bloomquist - Registered Guide Outfitter
525 Mike Flores – Licensed Transporter

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527 **Board Members Absent:**

528 Adam Trombley – Public Member; EXCUSED

529 Ely Cyrus – Private Landowner; EXCUSED

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531 **Staff Members present:**

532 Renee Hoffard – Executive Administrator

533 Thomas Bay – Licensing Examiner

534 Lee Strout – Investigator

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536 **Representative from Federal/State agencies present:**

537 Douglas Vincent-Lang; Commissioner Department of Fish and Game

538 Eddie Grasser, Division Director, Department of Fish and Game

539 Tony Kavalok, Assistant Director Department of Fish and Game

540 Cliff Larson, Natural Resources Manager, Department of Natural Resources

541 Candice Snow, Department of Natural Resources

542 Amber-Lynn Taber, Department of Natural Resources

543 Nikki Potter, Department of Natural Resources

544 John Forbes, Department of Natural Resources

545 Kristen Ulery, Department of Natural Resources

546 Ben Hagedorn, Department of Natural Resources

547 Chandler Long, Trust Resource Manager, Mental Health Land Trust

548 Jusdi Doucet, Deputy Director, Mental Health Land Trust

549 Zach Million, Bureau of Land Management

550 Mabel Kaleak, North Slope Borough

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552 **Also, present:**

553 Bob Koenitzer, McKinley Research Group, LLC on behalf of APHA

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555 **Agenda Item – New Business; Potential Regulations projects March 2021 proposals:**

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557 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Mike Flores it was proposed start a**
558 **regulations project by accepting the proposal made by Nathan Peterson to amend 12 AAC**
559 **75.460(b) to add (3) personally harvested a minimum of three for that species”. The motion**
560 **was amended by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Jerry Burnett and passed with unanimous**
561 **consent to start a regulations project by amending 12 AAC 75.460(a) to read “A registered**
562 **guide-outfitter who was initially licensed on or after July 30, 2006, and who wishes to**
563 **contract to guide a hunt for sheep, moose, brown bear, or mountain goat, must have the**
564 **specific species named on the registered guide-outfitter’s license as an authorized species.”;**
565 **removing “or caribou,” from the regulation.**

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567 Following previous advice from the Department of Law the board declined to take action on
568 Mr. Danford’s proposal for a 5-mile boundary/buffer area.

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570 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Mike Flores and passed with**
571 **unanimous consent it was proposed start a regulations project by accepting the proposal**
572 **made by Michelle Heun to amend 12 AAC 75.450(b)(13) to read: (13) include the following**

573 **statement: “A licensed transporter may not provide vehicles, fuel, camping, hunting or any**
574 **hunting services such as skinning, caping, or cleaning of game, glassing, and packing in the**
575 **field, including from a permanent structure or on a boat on salt water. ”; by removing “game**
576 **processing equipment”.**

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578 The board chose to not take action on Lance Kronberger’s proposal to amend 12 AAC 75.240,
579 Supervision. The proposal was sent to sub-committee for further research.

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581 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Pete Buist and passed with**
582 **unanimous consent it was proposed start a regulations project by accepting the proposal**
583 **made by the Professional Development sub-committee to create:**

584 **12 AAC 75.150. Professional development for assistant guide, class A assistant**
585 **guide, registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter, and transporter licensees.**

586 **(a) For renewal of any class of license, the applicant must complete a refresher**
587 **examination prepared by the board under AS 08.54.600.**

588 **(b) An applicant for a registered guide-outfitter license, must provide evidence of**
589 **attendance to a minimum of three Big Game Commercial Services Board meetings either**
590 **telephonically, through video conferencing, in person or by another means approved by**
591 **the board.**

592 **(c) An applicant for a Master Guide-Outfitter license must provide evidence of**
593 **attendance to a minimum of five Big Game Commercial Services Board meetings and**
594 **participation as a proctor in at least three regularly scheduled registered guide oral exam**
595 **sessions. For this requirement; participation refers to the willingness and availability to**
596 **participate as attested by the chairperson of the board or a board member delegated with**
597 **this responsibility.**

598 **(d) The requirements listed in this section will be documented on a form provided by the**
599 **department and signed by the chairperson or a delegated board member at the time of**
600 **completion.**

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602 **In a motion duly made by Aaron Bloomquist, seconded by Pete Buist and passed with**
603 **unanimous consent it was proposed start a regulations project to amend 12 AAC 75.145(b)(2)**
604 **to read “(2) limited liability company, proof of either articles of organization or registration in**
605 **good standing under AS 10.50;” replacing “poor” with “good”.**

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607 Following a brief discussion, the board requested to hear oral testimony regarding this
608 regulations project as well as the UVC regulations project from the Nov/Dec 2020 meeting at
609 the July teleconference which will be limited to a 1-day meeting.

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611 The board formed the following sub-committees to work on specific topics in advance of the
612 winter 2021 meeting:

613 Supervision; Chair Aaron Bloomquist

614 Partnerships/LLC’s; Chair Aaron Bloomquist

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616 *Break at 10:56 am*

617 *Return at 11:30 am*

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619 **Agenda Item - Public Comment:**

620 Jim Jansen, Private citizen. In support of Mr. Danford's proposal for a buffer area. Mr. Jansen
621 and his family own a permanent camp in Unit 19. They have had numerous conflicts which
622 have disrupted hunting experiences and comprised the safety of the family.

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624 The board encouraged Mr. Jansen to file complaints with investigative staff and wildlife
625 troopers in the future.

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627 Al Barrette, Class-A Assistant Guide GUIC765. Wanted to clarify comments he made 3/24/21;
628 his personal hunting experiences are not reflective of how he conducts himself in the field as a
629 Class-A Assistant Guide.

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631 Wayne Kubat, Master Guide GUIM147. Spoke to some of the changes he has seen in regard to
632 regulations over his career in the industry; volunteered to serve on the supervision sub-
633 committee.

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635 Kurt Whitehead, Master Guide GUIM211. Feels that having clear and concise method of
636 identifying licensed guides and transporters in the field could aid in resolving some of the
637 conflicts.

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639 Dan Montgomery, Master Guide GUIM173. Volunteered for the supervision sub-committee
640 and feels that the board should move towards requiring assistance guides also have species-
641 specific licenses.

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643 Zach Decker, Registered Guide GUIR1263. Feels guides need to do a better job at public
644 relations and try to work with locals where they intend to be guiding. Volunteered to serve on
645 sub-committees were needed.

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647 **Break for lunch at 11:58 am; return to record at 1:01 pm**

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649 **Agenda Item – APHA Economic Impact Study 2020**

650 Bob Koenitzer of McKinley Research Group, LLC presented a summary of the economic impact
651 study completed by APHA based on data collected in 2019. The guide industry directly
652 employed 1,380 people and circulated \$57.4 million in the Alaska economy as labor income and
653 spending for good and services. Data showed 59% of guide spending occurs in rural areas of
654 Alaska in the form of wages, air transportation, fuel, food, and supplies. An estimated 223,500
655 pounds of game meat was shared with Alaskans by guides and guided hunters in 2019; 167,600
656 pounds shared with rural residents and 55,900 pounds shared with urban residents. The
657 estimated value of replacing the shared meat with beef is \$2.3 million, that breaks down to
658 \$1.8 million for rural communities and \$447,000 in urban areas. Recipients include Native
659 communities, elders, needy families with children, traditional food programs, and those who
660 enjoy game meat but can no longer hunt. Game meat is nutritionally and culturally rich and is
661 an important part of many Alaskans' diet. \$9.7 million in total of Alaska Department of Fish and
662 Game Wildlife Fund revenue was generated by guided and unguided visiting hunter purchases
663 of licenses and big game tags. In 2019, through fees collected by the Fish and Game Fund,
664 resident and non-resident hunters provided \$12.8 million (27%) of the ADF&G Division of
665 Wildlife's \$47.1 million budget. Fish and Game funds are used to leverage Pittman- Robertson

666 funds which totaled \$20.7 million in 2019. Combined, Fish and Game Fund and Pittman-
667 Robertson funds generated 71% of Division of Wildlife expenditures in 2019. Nonresidents
668 spent \$700 on hunting licenses/tags on average, compared with \$35 among Alaska residents.
669 Guided nonresident hunters generated even more on average, at \$1,237 per hunter.

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671 **Agenda Item - State and Federal Agency Updates**

672 Alaska Department of Fish & Game (F&G): Commissioner Douglas Vincent-Lang, Director of
673 Wildlife Conservation Eddie Grasser, and Assistant Director Tony Kavalok a provided an update
674 from F&G. The department is closely monitoring events as they unfold to anticipate actions by
675 the new federal administration in regard to gun control. They are evaluating their budget and
676 working to spend the Pittman-Robertson funds received as those funds can only be used for
677 certain expenditures. F&G has been working on projects to increase revenue over the past year
678 due to COVID-19 and feels they are on the right track. They are optimistic that with the
679 availability of vaccines that by 2022 some, if not the majority, of hunting, guiding and fishing
680 will resume in Alaska.

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682 Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Captain Aaron Frenzel joined the meeting to provide a brief update
683 from the troopers. The troopers have 89 funded positions statewide that are currently all
684 filled. There are 4 troopers that will be retiring this spring which will result in vacancies but
685 there will be a spring academy to try and fill those spots. There are some new troopers out in
686 the field, he encouraged guides to meet with the new troopers. The troopers did a division
687 wide communication push – many troopers reached out to guides and transporters this past fall
688 to work on building working relationships and open channels of communication with the
689 industry. Captain Frenzel felt that effort was successful and is something he will continue to
690 push from the troopers. Enforcement – so far nothing too major is trending, mostly guide use
691 area issues that will hopefully start declining. He mentioned his attendance at the meeting on
692 3/24/21 to discuss the sub-committee for supervision and the regulations proposals considered
693 by the board. If it is not possible for Captain Frenzel to serve of the supervision sub-committee
694 he would like to have a trooper on the committee.

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696 Dept. Of Natural Resources (DNR) – John Forbes provided a brief overview of DNR services; the
697 various permits and fees associated with DNR services. DNR has 3 regional offices; Anchorage
698 for South-Central, Fairbanks for the Northern region and Juneau for Southeast. DNR has made
699 some technological updates in the past few months; an improved version of the Alaska mapper
700 program which is an interactive mapping program that allows the user to research and verify
701 state land ownership and land usage connected to DNR case file records. They also developed
702 a new website that is more organized and easier to navigate; it has access to all forums, fact
703 sheets and applications.

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705 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Zach Million provided an update from BLM. He reviewed
706 the 3 districts of the BLM and the recreation programs it provides. He briefly discussed the
707 varied permits for commercial activity on BLM land. BLM has completed approximately 65% of
708 the special recreation permit 5year audit. He answered questions from the board.

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710 Mental Health Trust – Chandler Long provided a short recap of the Mental Health Land Trust.
711 She spoke in regard to the new guide use area permit program that was implemented in April

712 2020, right at the onset of COVID. Several of the parcels are open for bidding for permits and
713 the trust is looking at options for short-term permits opposed to the current 5-year terms of
714 the permits. The trust statutorily must maximize revenue generation from trust land, which in
715 turn funds beneficiary programs across the state of Alaska. The trust provides funding for
716 programs like criminal justice reentry access, local treatment centers, and social services.

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718 Board of Game – Jerry Burnett provided an update from the Board of Game (BOG). Larry Van
719 Daele was elected Chair of Board of Game in January 2021 and asked Mr. Burnett to serve as
720 liaison to the BGCSB. BOG met March 18 and took some actions. They decided to reissue the
721 call for proposals since they had voted to move their regulatory cycle ahead one year.
722 Proposals previously sent in will still be considered and new proposals will be added.

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724 *Break at 2:32 pm*

725 *Return at 3:01 pm*

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727 **Agenda Item - Sub-Committee meetings:**

728 *A. Exams: the exam committee has been working to update the maps for game management*
729 *unit certification exams. DNR has assisted in the past but that staff member moved to a*
730 *new position; the division will work with DNR admin staff to create an RSA so the program*
731 *will pay the cost of DNR staff time to fix the maps. The committee is also working on some*
732 *ideas to change the oral portion of the practical exam to add some more professionalism to*
733 *the exam and anticipates having more information for the board at the December 2021*
734 *meeting.*

735 *B. Transporters: the transporter committee will be looking at the breakdown of new*
736 *transporter licenses issued in efforts to prioritize their efforts. They will be looking at the*
737 *professional development and how to tailor it to transporters. The committee also plans to*
738 *look into bringing back the identifying decal that was previously used for licensed*
739 *transporters; it may prove useful for enforcement to easily identify licensed transporters.*

740 *C. Survivorship/successorship: the committee met several times over the past few months and*
741 *prepared draft language that the Department of Law advised them the board does not have*
742 *the authority to adopt. The committee has sent documentation of the intent to Department*
743 *of Law and will work with Megyn Weigand over the coming months to prepare new*
744 *language that falls under the proper authority; they anticipate providing the draft to the*
745 *board at the July or December 2021 meetings for consideration.*

746 *D. Professional Development: the committee submitted a proposal of draft language for board*
747 *consideration. At this time there are no further meetings of this committee are scheduled.*

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749 **Agenda Item - Administrative Business:**

750 The board tentatively the following meeting dates with the understanding that teleconferences
751 may be called as needed:

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753 July 21, 2021 teleconference to be held via Zoom; Ms. Hoffard to verify with board members
754 June 1 to ensure proper public notice procedures are followed.

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756 November 30 – December 2, 2021 with practical exams December 3; will be scheduled for
757 Anchorage with the understanding that the meeting will occur via Zoom if travel is not
758 approved due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

759 **Agenda Item - Task list:**

760 A. Annual report drafts:

- 761 1. Jason Bunch – Narrative statement
- 762 2. Mike Flores and Martin Boniek – goals/objectives for transporter
- 763 3. Jason Bunch and Aaron Bloomquist – goals/objectives for guides
- 764 4. Renee Hoffard – budget requests, meetings, staff, legislative audit information

765 B. UVC:

- 766 1. Renee Hoffard – letters to guides that incorrectly used codes in 2021 audit

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768 **In a motion duly made by Jerry Burnett, seconded by Mike Flores with unanimous consent, it**
769 **was resolved to adjourn the meeting.**

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771 Off record at 3:50 pm.

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773 Respectfully Submitted,

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777 Renee Hoffard
778 Executive Administrator

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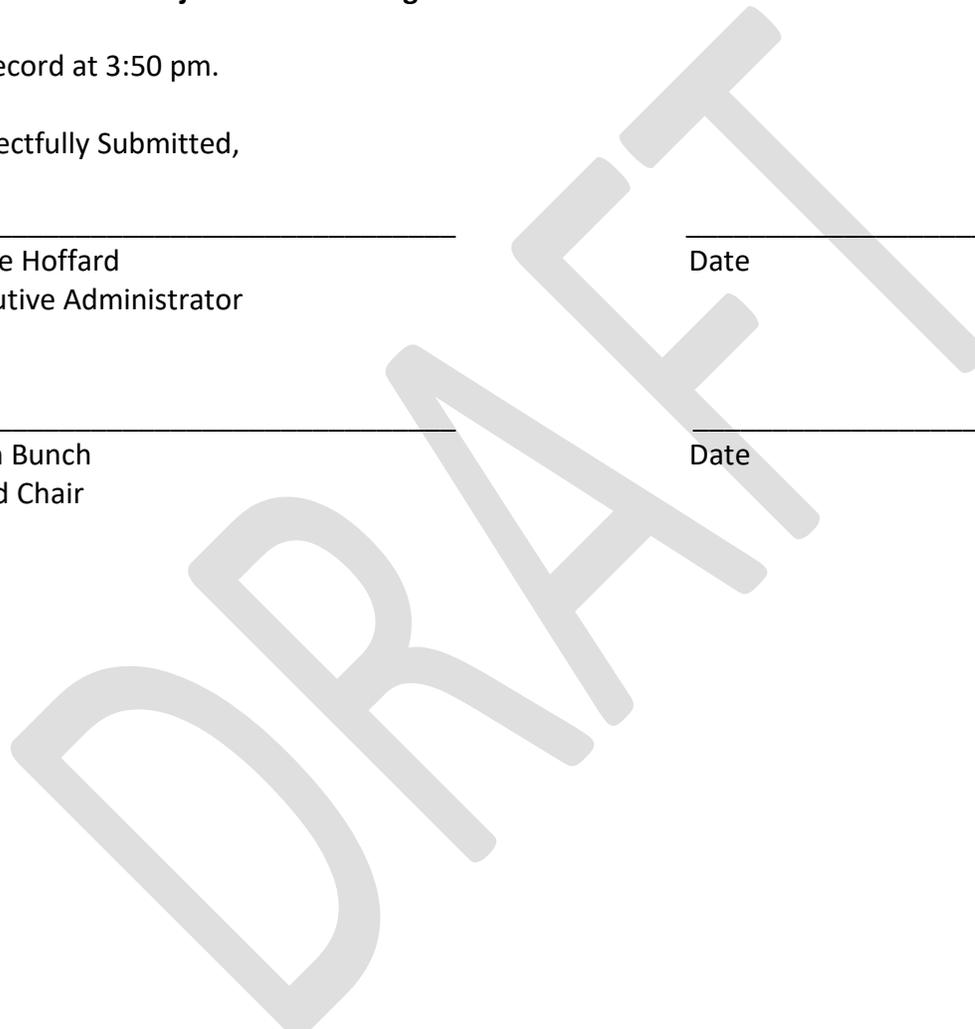
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782 Jason Bunch
Board Chair

Date

Date



**State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community &
Economic Development Division of Corporations,
Business, and Professional Licensing**

Big Game Commercial Services Board



July 23, 2021

12:45 pm - Oral comments on proposed regulations

Please note: the time allotted will be divided between all callers. Written comments may be submitted to the division until September 30, 2021. NO ACTION will be taken by the board at this meeting.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE
ALASKA BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Big Game Commercial Services Board proposes to update regulations relating to licensure requirements, contract requirements, species-specific licensing, and establish professional development standards for license holders.

The Big Game Commercial Services Board (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 75 of the Alaska Administrative Code including the following:

1. **12 AAC 75.105. Application for master guide-outfitter license**, is proposed to change the client list requirement from 25 to 45 clients for whom the applicant has personally provided guiding or outfitting services; to conform with current statutory requirements.
2. **12 AAC 75.150. Professional development for assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter, and transporter licensees**, is a proposed new section to establish professional development standards for all license types that are regulated by the Board.
3. **12 AAC 75.260. Registered guide-outfitter contract requirements**, is proposed to amend the contract requirements for registered or master guides to obtain a unique verification code for each guide use area in which a unique verification code is required from the department before entering an application for the client.
4. **12 AAC 75.450. Transporter contract requirements**, is proposed to remove “game processing equipment” with respect to the written contract.
5. **12 AAC 75.460. Species-specific licensing**, is proposed to remove “caribou” from the list of authorized species to be listed on licenses.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at <http://notice.alaska.gov/203078>, and using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on September 30, 2021.** Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

Oral comments relevant to the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, may also be given at a hearing to be held on July 23, 2021 **via zoom/video and teleconference.** You may participate **via** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89830327497?pwd=djcyRy9qL0JmKzdrNHZmeDlrYm5pQT09> **by entering Meeting ID 898 3032 7497 Access Code 256054**, or you may participate **via teleconference by calling 669-900-6833 and enter the Meeting ID and Access Code noted above.** The hearing will be held from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 12:45 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. Callers should be on the line before the hearing begins at 12:45 p.m. if they would like to provide oral testimony. Priority will be given to those who called in before 12:45 p.m., and the chair of the Board may limit each participant’s length of oral testimony, determined before the hearing begins, to provide for those who timely called in to participate.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist,

Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BigGameCommercialServicesBoard.aspx>. The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov not later than July 21, 2021 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or go to <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/BGCSB-0621.pdf>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.** Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 08.54.600; AS 08.54.605; AS 08.54.610; AS 08.54.650; AS 08.54.680; AS 08.54.720; AS 08.54.740; AS 08.54.790

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.54.600; AS 08.54.605; AS 08.54.610; AS 08.54.650; AS 08.54.680; AS 08.54.720; AS 08.54.740; AS 08.54.790

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 7/7/2021

/s/
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
Division of Corporations, Business and
Professional Licensing

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in an occupation's regulations in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

Chapter 75. Big Game Commercial Services Board.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 75.105(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) a list of **45** [25] big game hunters for whom the applicant has personally provided guiding or outfitting services in compliance with AS 08.54.610;

(Eff. 12/1/2007, Register 184; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.610

12 AAC 75 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 75.150. Professional development for assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter, and transporter licensees. (a) For renewal of any class of license, the applicant must complete a refresher examination prepared by the board under AS 08.54.600.

(b) An applicant for a registered guide-outfitter license, must provide evidence of attendance to a minimum of three Big Game Commercial Services Board meetings either telephonically, through video conferencing, in person, or by another means approved by the board.

(c) An applicant for a master guide-outfitter license must provide evidence of attendance to a minimum of five Big Game Commercial Services Board meetings and participation as a proctor in at least three regularly scheduled registered guide oral exam sessions. For this requirement; participation refers to the willingness and availability to participate as attested by the chairperson of the board or a board member delegated with this responsibility.

(d) The requirements listed in this section will be documented on a form provided by the department and signed by the chairperson or a delegated board member at the time of completion. (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.54.600

12 AAC 75.260(d) is amended to read:

(d) A contracting registered or master guide who is signing the hunt contract, and who intends to apply a client for a drawing hunt permit for a hunt conducted under regulations required under AS 16.05, shall obtain a unique verification code **for each guide use area in which a unique verification code is required** from the department before entering an application for the client. Unique verification codes will only be issued to registered or master guides who are registered in a guide use area located in the hunt area the year the application is made and the years the permit is valid. **Unique verification codes will be current until the associated guide use area registration expires or is withdrawn or amended. Unique verification codes can only be utilized by the contracting registered or master guide who is applying clients for a drawing hunt permit.**

(Eff. 7/30/2006, Register 179; am 6/8/2007, Register 182; am 4/16/2016, Register 218; am 7/16/2020, Register 235; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.720 AS 08.54.790
AS 08.54.680

12 AAC 75.450(b)(13) is amended to read:

(13) include the following statement: "A licensed transporter may not provide

vehicles, fuel, camping, hunting, [OR GAME PROCESSING EQUIPMENT,] or any hunting services such as skinning, capping, or cleaning of game, glassing, and packing in the field, including from a permanent structure or on a boat on salt water."

(Eff. 7/30/2006, Register 179; am 6/8/2007, Register 182; am 7/16/2020, Register 235; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.680 AS 08.54.790
AS 08.54.650 AS 08.54.720

12 AAC 75.460(a) is amended to read:

(a) A registered guide-outfitter who was initially licensed on or after July 30, 2006, and who wishes to contract to guide a hunt for sheep, moose, brown bear, **or** mountain goat, [OR CARIBOU,] must have the specific species named on the registered guide-outfitter's license as an authorized species.

(Eff. 12/1/2007, Register 184; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.610 AS 08.54.740

**State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community &
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Big Game Commercial Services Board



July 23, 2021

3:00 pm - Investigations & Probation report

Please note there is scheduled executive session during this agenda items and all callers will be removed from the meeting.



PROBATION REPORT

DATE: July 06, 2021
TO: Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board
THROUGH: Amber Whaley, Senior Investigator
FROM: Michele Hearn, Probation Monitor
SUBJECT: Probation Report for the July 21, 2021 Meeting

The following is a complete list of individuals on probation for this Board. All individuals are in compliance with their agreements except as noted below. There are currently **twenty-eight (28)** licenses on probation as of the date of this document. Since the last probation report, **five (5)** licenses were released from probation. All personnel are in compliance except as noted below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Start of Probation</u>	<u>End of Probation</u>
*Miller, Joseph	2016-000357	03/08/2016	SUSPENDED
Hornberger, Alan	2019-000172	01/24/2019	01/24/2022
Malone, Paul	2019-000173	08/12/2020	08/12/2023
Renfro, Michael	2019-000468	08/01/2020	07/31/2021
Parkerson, Stanley	2019-001424	12/03/2019	12/03/2021
Colpo, Michael	2020-000719	07/22/2020	07/22/2022
Donelson, Patrick	2020-000720	07/22/2020	07/22/2022
Peterson, Nathan	2020-000733	07/22/2020	07/22/2021

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Kruse, Jeff	2020-000734	07/22/2020	08/18/2022
Arnold, Dakota	2020-000737	07/22/2020	07/22/2021
Blake, James	2020-000738	07/22/2020	07/22/2021
Cavner, Preston	2020-000741	07/22/2020	07/22/2022
*Walker, John	2020-001047	07/22/2020	LAPSED
Griffin, Bryan	2020-001137	12/01/2020	12/01/2021
Chadd, Joshua	2020-001140	12/01/2020	12/01/2021
Kuhn, Tyler	2020-001142	12/01/2020	12/01/2021
Hedrich, Jerry	2020-001143	12/01/2020	12/01/2021
Hedlund, Thomas	2020-001144	12/01/2020	12/01/2021
Tunguing, Gust	2021-000251	03/24/2021	03/24/2022
Augustine, Ryan	2021-000252	03/24/2021	03/24/2023
Hyce, Richard	2021-000253	03/24/2021	03/24/2023
Roberts, Clayton	2021-000255	03/24/2021	03/24/2024
Scheid, Skylar	2021-000256	03/24/2021	03/24/2022
Cates, Jerry	2021-000282	03/19/2020	03/19/2023
Fithian, Robert	2021-000291	03/24/2021	03/24/2022
Kramer, Cole	2021-000292	03/24/2021	03/24/2022
*Schaefer, Joseph	2021-000293	03/24/2021	LAPSED
Wagner, Charles	2021-000296	03/24/2021	03/24/2022

RELEASE FROM PROBATION:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Start of Probation</u>	<u>Release Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
Bieri, Michel	2019-000158	01/24/2019	03/30/2021	Complete

Long, Jacob	2020-000323	03/18/2020	03/18/2021	Complete
Grant, Roderick	2020-000325	03/18/2020	03/18/2021	Complete
Unfried, Nathaniel	2020-000326	03/18/2020	03/18/2021	Complete
Taranto, Anthony	2020-00327	03/18/2020	03/18/2021	Complete

NOTES:

- * Miller, Joseph: He has paid a total of \$1,900 towards \$5,000 fine (See Board Decision December 4, 2019). No Payments since March 2020. He was sent a non-compliance letter on April 22, 2021.

- *Walker, John: His fine is now past due. He may be unaware of consent agreement and probation status. All attempts to make contact with him have yielded next results. This case is being reviewed for the next actions.

- *Schaefer, Stanley: He has failed to reinstate his license. After attempted contact, Mr. Schaefer was extended the opportunity to voluntarily surrender his license. A notarized copy of the Voluntary Surrender of License was received on May 6, 2021.